



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** John Snethen, Executive Director  
Ron Sandlin, Director of Policy & Legislation  
**Date:** June 28, 2016  
**RE:** Approval of Consultant Positions for Gary/Edison Transition

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**Recommendation:** Approve staff recommendations to contract with two consultants to support Gary Community School Corp and EdisonLearning in the design and execution of a transformation zone/innovation network school plan.

On April 15, 2016, the SBOE adopted a resolution pursuant to IC 20-31-9-9 extending the contract with EdisonLearning to serve as a special management team at Theodore Roosevelt High School through the 2016-2017 school year. As a condition of the extension, and based on a proposed plan from the two organizations, the SBOE encouraged EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation to reach a formal agreement for the operation of Roosevelt as a transformation zone/innovation network school, subject to Board approval, during the extended year of operation.

SBOE staff recommends contracting with two consultants to support EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation in their local efforts to design and execute a transformation zone and innovation network school plan. The two positions have been designed in consultation with administrators from EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation. A key focus of their work will be to ensure that ongoing negotiations progress towards a codified agreement between EdisonLearning and the Gary Community School Corporation, and to proactively reach out to inform and solicit input from community members and other key stakeholders:

- **Liaison Consultant:** Serves as a technical advisor, critical thought partner, and advocate for providing vision, focus, and unified direction for the implementation of a Transformation Zone model within Gary Community School Corporation and the establishment of an Innovation Network School at Theodore Roosevelt High School.
- **Program Manager Consultant:** Supports the planning and execution of the Transformation Zone model within Gary Community School Corporation and the establishment of an Innovation Network School at Theodore Roosevelt High School. The role will be integral in managing relationships with local community-based organizations, state offices, and school districts.